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(Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 20 of this year, at that time referred to Transportation. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, you are recognized to open on LB 704.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and colleagues. LB 704 has a lot of content primarily dealing with driver's license issues and a continuation of the reform process in drivers' licenses. Senator Jones, I am grateful, had designated LB 704 as his priority bill and he asked if he could share the opening. I'm certainly willing to do that and appreciate, and I would yield a portion of the opening time to Senator Jones, and then I will reserve the balance of the time for myself to follow up, Senator Cudaback. So, if possible, I'd yield some time to Senator Jones.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jones, you're recognized.

SENATOR JONES: Senator Cudaback and members of the body, I took 704 as my priority bill because I had tried to introduce this bill two or three times and didn't get it all worked with DMV, so, with that, I'd like to state the reasons, some of the reason and overall look at what the bill does. LB 704 changes the manner in which all state driver's license and state identification cards are issued. The most significant change is that a person will be able to obtain a driver's license in any county. Right now, you can only get a driver's license in the county you reside in. The bill also removes the requirements of a written test of someone whose license has expired within a year or less, as long as the license has not been suspended, revoked or cancelled. The bill also removes the written test requirement for those moving into the state as long as they have a valid driver's license in the state they came from. Finally, the bill delegates the Department of Motor Vehicles the responsibility to designate and change the driver's license application process. Currently, the department is only responsible for creation of the application forms. The application process is laid out in the state statutes right now. Another reason that I wanted to introduce this bill was because